

**2024 Shirley Rabb Winston  
Scholarship in Classical Voice**

*\$16,000 in Scholarships*

**Dalia Medovnikov**

New Jersey Chapter

2023 National First Place Recipient



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Applications due to Chapters by February 1, 2024

## *2023 Shirley Rabb Winston Scholarship in Classical Voice*

### *First Place Recipient*



Soprano Dalia Medovnikov is in her first year of masters studies at the Curtis Institute of Music. This past summer, Ms. Medovnikov was a fellow at Music Academy of the West and performed Villa Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras* alongside eight cellists. There, she also performed the role of Musetta in a semi-staged concert version of *La Boheme*. Earlier in the year she performed the roles of Giannetta in *Elisir d'amore* by Donizetti and Dalinda in Handel's *Ariodante*.



### **SHIRLEY RABB WINSTON SCHOLARSHIP IN CLASSICAL VOICE**

An annual scholarship in honor of the late Shirley Rabb Winston, a mezzo soprano who had a long and successful career in opera, is available through the National Society of Arts and Letters to singers ages 16 to 22. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success. The scholarship funds are for private study, special training, or personal advancement in the applicant's future careers. The funds may be used for college tuition, but not for housing, travel, or personal expenses. Scholarship funds are sent to the institution, teacher or program selected by the scholarship recipient. Recipients have 15 months to use their scholarships.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

*The applicant must:*

1. Send proof of United States Citizenship or Naturalization.
2. Be at least 16 years old, but not older than 22 by March 1, 2024.
3. Prior first place recipients for each age division (16-18 years, 19-22 years) are not eligible to reapply. Younger division winners may reapply once they reach age 19.

## **REPERTOIRE and APPLICATION**

1. Prepare a current, high-quality video of three (3) vocal selections from opera, art song or oratorio. Repertoire must be sung in three languages, one of which must be English. Each of the songs must be contrasting in style, key, mood, and must be sung from memory. Total video time must not exceed 12 minutes.
2. Selections may not be edited, and the audio may not be enhanced. The singer should be clearly visible. Do not submit a recording of a prior performance.
3. Upload the video to YouTube. Identify yourself by name only and introduce your song titles and composers.
4. Complete (***print or type***) the application form. Be clear about your commitment to a vocal career. Specify your plans for further study, e.g., private study or other special training.
5. Please include a current headshot and/or performance photograph.
6. Send the materials by mail or email to the NSAL Chapter nearest your home or school by February 1, 2024. Include the completed application form, proof of citizenship and URL link to your YouTube video. See Chapter Contacts for addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

## **CHAPTER ADJUDICATION**

1. Qualified judges from each NSAL chapter will select a maximum of **2** performers from the YouTube auditions. Ideally one from each age group or your **2** finest singers.
2. The auditions will be judged in two age groups: 16-18 and 19-22.

## **DEADLINES**

1. Contestant applications are due to chapters by February 1, 2024.
2. Chapters must send only 2 finalists' applications and YouTube audition information by mail or email to the National Committee Chair before the deadline of March 1, 2024.
3. Winston Voice Scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2024.

JUDY MARTORELLI, NATIONAL CHAIR

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#### **NSAL Arizona\***

*Arizona does not participate in the Winston Art and Voice programs. Please apply to the next closest chapter to you or to Members at Large.*



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## SPONSORING CHAPTER

### APPLICATION FOR THE SHIRLEY RABB WINSTON SCHOLARSHIP IN CLASSICAL VOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State & Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: YES NO Naturalized (date of citizenship) \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship Document: (Please Circle) PASSPORT BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Email

Educational Background

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in high school, what course of study would you like to follow after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are attending college, what is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future career plans? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans if you receive a Winston Voice Scholarship? e.g., summer workshops, music programs, college tuition, etc. (The Winston Scholarship does not cover housing, travel, or personal expenses)

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### Repertoire

(From Art Song, Opera or Oratorio only - one must be in English)

Selection#1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Selection #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Selection#3 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Applicant Signature

I certify that I have read the scholarship requirements and that the information submitted by me is true and correct.

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Signature

Date

**Mail or email your completed application, proof of citizenship and the link to your uploaded YouTube video to an NSAL Chapter nearest your home or school by February 1, 2024.**

**(See Chapter Contacts for addresses, phone numbers and emails)**

## STUDY SUGGESTIONS FOR WINSTON VOICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Voice scholarship applicants may consider advanced instruction, private lessons, coaching, training in language and/or diction for an operatic role, etc. in special programs or a summer voice program of your choosing. The list below is provided for your convenience. Please independently research the program or institution as NSAL does not endorse any particular program or institution. If a phone number or email is not correct, Google the institution for updated information.

### **American Institute of Musical Studies (Graz, Austria)**

28 East 69th St. Kansas City, MO 64113  
816-268-3657 [www.aimsgraz.org](http://www.aimsgraz.org)

### **Aspen Music Festival and School**

2 Music School Road, Aspen, CO 81611  
970-925-3254 [www.aspenmusicalfestival.com](http://www.aspenmusicalfestival.com)

Arizona State University School of Music  
PO Box 8704053, Tempe, AZ 85287  
480-965-3371 [www.asu.edu](http://www.asu.edu)

### **Brevard Music Center**

349 Andante Lane, Brevard, NC 28712  
828-862-2140 [www.brevardmusic.org](http://www.brevardmusic.org)

### **Bethesda Summer Music Festival**

39 Eton Overlook, Rockville, MD 20850  
301-424-3379 [www.aamsopera.com](http://www.aamsopera.com)

### **Chautauqua School of Music**

PO Box 28, One Ames Ave., Chautauqua, NY 14722  
716-357-6233 [www.chq.org](http://www.chq.org)

### **College Conservatory of Music, Mary Emery Hall**

PO Box 210003, Cincinnati, OH 45221  
513-556-6638 [www.ccm.uc.edu](http://www.ccm.uc.edu)

### **Catholic University of America School of Music**

620 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20064  
202-319-5414 [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu)

### **Curtis Institute of Music**

726 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103  
215-893-5252 [www.curtis.edu](http://www.curtis.edu)

### **Flagstaff in Fidenza**

PO Box 6040, Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
928-523-6749 [www.nau.edu/fidenza](http://www.nau.edu/fidenza)

### **Interlochen Center for the Arts**

PO Box 1999900 Diamond Park Road, Interlochen, MI 49643  
231-276-7472 [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

### **International Vocal Arts Institute**

119 West 72nd St. #313, New York, NY 10023  
[www.ivai.org](http://www.ivai.org)

### **Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music**

Pre-College and Special Programs  
1201 Third St., Bloomington, IN 47405  
812-855-1583 [www.music.indiana.edu](http://www.music.indiana.edu)

### **Juilliard School of Music**

60 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY 10023  
212-799-5000 [www.juillard.edu](http://www.juillard.edu)

### **Lyric Opera Studio of Weimar, Germany**

[info@lyricoperastudioweimar.com](mailto:info@lyricoperastudioweimar.com)

### **Manhattan School of Music Pre-College Division**

130 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027  
212-749-2802 [www.msmnyc.edu](http://www.msmnyc.edu)

### **Michigan State University College of Music**

102 Music Building, East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-353-5340 [www.music.msu.edu](http://www.music.msu.edu)

### **Middlebury College Language School**

356 College St., Middlebury, VT 05753  
802-443-5510 [www.middlebury.edu](http://www.middlebury.edu)

### **New England School of Music**

290 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115  
617-262-1120 [www.newenglandconservatory.edu](http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu)

### **New York Opera Studio (Vassar College)**

214 West 92nd St., #77E, New York, NY 10025  
212-721-5290 [www.newyorkoperastudio.org](http://www.newyorkoperastudio.org)

**North Carolina School of Music**  
PO Box 12189, Winston-Salem, NC 27117  
919-770-3399 [www.ncarts.edu](http://www.ncarts.edu)

**Opera New Jersey**  
PO Box 3151, Princeton, NJ 08543  
609-799-7700 [www.opera-nj.org](http://www.opera-nj.org)

**Oberlin Summer Art Academy for High School Students**  
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**Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University**  
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667-208-6500 [www.peabody.jhu.edu](http://www.peabody.jhu.edu)

**Opera America**  
330 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001  
212-796-8620 [www.operaamerica.org](http://www.operaamerica.org)

**Opera in the Ozarks**  
16311 Highway 62, W. Eureka Springs, AR 72632  
479-253-8595 [www.opera.org](http://www.opera.org)

**Opera Theater Music Festival of Lucca, Italy  
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PO Box 210003, Cincinnati, OH  
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**Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts**  
1010 N Macinnes Pl., Tampa, FL 33602  
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**Santa Fe Opera**  
PO Box 2408, Santa Fe, NM 87504  
505-986-5900 [www.festivalsantafe.org](http://www.festivalsantafe.org)

**Si Parla, Si Canta**  
1900 Empire Blvd., Box #234, Webster, NY 14580  
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**Scuola Italia Summer Program for Young Singers**  
504 W. Delaware Ave., Urbana, IL 61801  
217-244-3338 [www.scuola-italia.com](http://www.scuola-italia.com)

**Spoletto Festival USA**  
14 George St., Charleston, SC 29402  
[www.spoletousa.org](http://www.spoletousa.org)

**The American Center for Puccini Studies**  
17700 Caddy Drive, Derwood, MD 20855  
301-528-4305 [www.pucciniamcrica.org](http://www.pucciniamcrica.org)

**University of Michigan School of Music**  
1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
737-764-0583 [www.music.umich.edu](http://www.music.umich.edu)

**University of Cincinnati**  
2600 Clifton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45221  
513-556-1100 [www.uc.edu](http://www.uc.edu)

**Westminster College of the Arts (Rider University)**  
101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540  
800-962-4647 [www.rider.edu](http://www.rider.edu)

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